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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the Final Office Action mailed March 10, 2006, and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a certification as specified under § 1.97(e).

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Each document listed in this IDS was first cited in an Official Notice of Rejection ("Notice") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 and returning the form in the next communication from the Office.

The following documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 58-198097;
2. JP 07-098599;
3. JP 08-050499;
4. JP 56-029296;
5. JP 10-105191;
6. JP 08-123465; and
7. JP 09-258772.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the Japanese documents, an English-language version of the Notice setting forth the relevance of the documents listed above is enclosed. A copy of the Notice is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification. In addition, with regard to documents 2, 3 and 5-7, an English-language

abstract documents is enclosed. Furthermore, Applicants enclose a partial English-language translation of the claims of documents 1 and 4.

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